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Farm Bureau Notes

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Grasshoppers and Trouble

The road the grasshopper is having to go is evidence that we all have our enemy. You can notice a large number of flies, in size between the common house fly and the large green flies. He is rather grayish in color with light lines running from forward to back. This fly is the arch enemy of the grasshopper. By moving along in a field you will notice that when a grasshopper gets up to fly from possibly one or two to one half dozen of these flies will attack him. This is mostly noticed in heat of the day. The flies deposit small worms on the body of the hopper, that in a short time penetrate his body and live within for a few days as a grub or maggot. When this maggot is transformed into a perfect fly a hole is cut in the body of the grasshopper which of course kills him. A careful examination will reveal vast numbers of dead hoppers. It is evident that in this part of the country we are not menaced by the Hessian fly or chinch bug. It would seem a good policy to put on a large acreage of wheat or rye. It is safe to say that you can begin sowing these crops any time.

The Farm Bureau Meeting at Warrensburg.

We attended the meeting at Warrensburg for two days and representatives from about all parts of the state were present. The chief topics of the meeting seemed to be to create a better understanding among the various counties with reference to the activities of the Farm Bureau. In many sections of the state the Woman's Division of the Bureau was represented as doing excellent work. Matters were discussed with reference to some laws that should be passed, looking towards the betterment of several farm matters. We find that in many sections of the state when we begin talking sheep to a man he at once begins to talk dog. It is to be regretted that there are some folks that think more of a dog than they do of a sheep. Farmers would grow more sheep if it were not for the one fact that it sometimes happens that in a single night a few worthless dogs can easily destroy at least a small flock of sheep. It would seem that the high prices of wool and mutton would certainly induce more farmers to grow sheep except for this trouble. I wonder when we will have sense enough to elect people to the legislature who will have sense enough to give us an adequate dog law. There is no reason why a dog should be allowed to run at large any more than should hogs or cattle. If a fellow loves a dog so infernally well that he has to live with him, let him take care of him in such a way that he doesn't become a nuisance or menace to other folks. If a fellow thought as little of his own dog as he does of the other fellow's dogs, there would be more dogs shot.

Mrs. Kirk Jones visited her husband's people at Rushville, Mo. from Friday to Tuesday, stopping with them at Excelsior Springs Saturday.

Tom Colson of the Missouri river section was in town Monday. He fortunately has some old corn, and while his present crop is fairly good, it is nothing compared with what it should have been on the land this year.

Robt. Sweeney of Jefferson Barracks was detailed to assist the Local Board and has been on duty at the court house this week.

Important Movement To Be Launched In Keytesville

The National Public Welfare League is now at work organizing the efforts being made in the State of Missouri for the betterment of moral conditions. It has in view the improvement of the forces making for better morals, both in the State at large and in every individual town and community. This League has been of great assistance in the fight for better morals in other places. Rev. Frank G. Wilcox, Field Secretary of the National Public Welfare League, will speak at the Methodist Church next Sunday afternoon and evening. Every one interested in the morals of the town and community is urged to be present. The work which Mr. Wilcox is doing is a part of the Statewide campaign of education and crystallization of sentiment for better care of our boys and girls in the public and private arena. The National Public Welfare League is the official representative of the State Children's Code Commission in this campaign.

The program of Mr. Wilcox and his work in Keytesville is as follows:

Sunday, Sept. 22: 3.00 P. M., "The Cause and Cure of Human Wreckage."

8.00 P. M. Address, "The Spirit of God in Government."

Monday, Sept. 23: Morning, Talks in School.

3.00 P. M., Address, "Parent and Child."

8.00 P. M., Address, "Safety First."

Austria's Offer Declined

Washington, Sept. 17.—Almost immediately after receiving the Austro-Hungarian note from the minister of Sweden, Mr. Ekengren, Secretary Lansing last night issued this formal statement:

I am authorized by the president to state that the following will be the reply to the Austro-Hungarian note proposing an unofficial conference of belligerents.

"The government of the United States feels that there is only one reply which it can make to the suggestion of the imperial Austro-Hungarian government.

It has repeatedly and with entire candor stated the terms upon which the United States would consider peace, and can and will entertain no proposal for a conference upon a matter concerning which it has made its position and purpose so plain."

America's rejection of the Austro-Hungarian peace proposals, couched in diplomatic form, was handed this afternoon to the Swedish minister for the transmission to the dual empire.

Read the ads in the Courier.

Circuit Court

We have a partial list of cases disposed of principally by continuance and next by transfer. No important cases having been tried this week. We will give full account next week.

The jury in the Pete Fox case returned a verdict of \$100 fine. Rather light for shooting up a town, endangering the lives of women and children and "showing" a westerner some wild and wooly west stunts in a slow town.

This kind of punishment for such rough house capers is what leads to citizens taking matters into their own hands and if there is not some cleaning done here, if the general atmosphere is not clarified around certain joints by certain jointers before they are unjoined we don't read aright the signs of the times.

Pay up your subscription

Allied Army Sweeping Clean

Advancing and Capturing Prisoners Along the Front from Flanders to South of Meihel—American Tanks Terrify and Enemy Flank Movements Regularly Fail—Nearly 30,000 Prisoners and Hundreds of Guns Fall to Americans and Allies in Few Days

Austrian Peace Note Regarded as Evidence of Waning Hopes of Central Powers

The stopping point for our soldiers was supposed to have been reached when they cleared the salient set over to them by Gen. Foch but Gen. Pershing has gone thru the Hindenberg lines and has not yet halted. The advance by the Americans and Allies and the success is greater than could have been hoped for. American tanks precede infantry and German soldiers flee according to report before soldiers can get to them. Serbs and French defeat Bulgars.

The Russian situation is growing worse every day. Murder and rapine appear to be the general order of those in power. U. Boat has attacked several vessels off our coast during the week and sinking has been accomplished in the war zone but reports indicate heavy falling off in destruction by them. Spanish influenza has appeared on our eastern coast and it is supposed to have been put ashore from U. boat.

Daniel—Chapman

At the residence of Mrs. Chapman Main and Ridge Sts. in this city J. R. Daniel of Gilliam Mo. and Miss Nan O. Elliott were united in marriage Rev. M. C. Davis saying the ceremony.

Mrs. B. F. Swaggard of Kansas city and Miss Kate Dewey of this city were the only present except members of the family of Mrs. Daniel Mrs. Swaggard is a cousin and Miss Dewey a special friend. It had been whispered that there would be a wedding pretty soon with Miss Nan one of the principals, and her arrival several days ago and general air of mystery lent color to the report but when the event did take place but few were "next" until the bridal couple had departed for Gilliam.

A unique luncheon was served at high noon by Mrs. Chapman the ceremony at 11 a m and the newly-weds took their leave of the city and friends present and departed at one o'clock. There was a goodly number of the relatives of the bride, a sister of the hostess, who heartily welcomed the new member of the family and extended congratulations.

Mr. J. R. Daniel is a retired agriculturist of Saline county, a middle aged man of fine appearance and splendid reputation and he succeeded in finding a partner to round out his earthly career with him in every way worthy of his most devoted attention. Mrs. Daniel is a native of this city, a woman of fine attainment in all respects which are indispensable to contentment in domestic life and the several years have been spent away from her old home town she has retained the high place in the estimation all which she held while one of us.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel will make their home in Gilliam and they have the assurance that the best wishes of all here who know them are with them.

Jno. Pat Goll was in town Tuesday riding the latest improved Ford racer. It was stripped of everything except the running gears, mechanic and some fellow ballancing on behind as ballast. Several of our pretty girls said they were "just dying" to fly with Pat in it but he had other fish.

A tourist auto from Enid Okla. turned over as it rolled down an embankment near Lexington Mo. and broke Mrs. Turner Patterson's leg above the knee. Her husband and Mrs. L. W. Cox of Enid, the others in the car escaped with bruises.

Fine at Cut-Off

You are missing it altogether if you don't spend a day or two at the Cut-Off before cool or disagreeable weather comes along. No more delightful place in this part of Missouri than on the bank of what a few years ago was the Big Muddy. The fishing is good, the woods are fine with a fringe of yellow showing on leaves yet green and grass now carpeting the ground along the banks and in the woods as well as open parks.

Camp room abundant, tents or cottage, fish for all comers, wild fruits such as grapes and pawpaws and persimmons awaiting a heavy frost and those who like them. Its worth the time and expense, a day or more at Col. Randolph's resort.

More Negroes Executed

Five more of the negroes who participated in the murderous riots at Houston, Texas were hung Tuesday. The President commuted the sentences of ten others to life imprisonment.

There was some frost in parts of the county Tuesday morning in spots about this city. No apparent damage was done but putting up stoves has been the rush since.

Latimer Hughes and Leo Emerson had a great trip to Mt. Vernon and other parts of south Mo. They returned last week making the rounds in a Ford and with but little trouble of any kind.

Middy Joe Rucker of Salisbury and Annapolis was the guest of friends here the first of the week. This city is quite proud of her caquets Joe being counted one of them.

Corp. Elbert (Joe Blitz) Anderson arrived Wednesday for a short visit to his mother, Mrs. Julia Anderson and his brother and sisters before going to the western coast where his squad has been ordered. Corp. Anderson is looking fine and as right as Gen. Pershing could ask.

Wm. Brockman and son Charlie of Brookfield Horace McDowell and Wm. Littrell of Mendon were here Monday, coming by rail on account of muddy roads.

Roads between Salisbury and Brunswick have been dragged on the east and west ends but the middle has been neglected.

Miss Ardenia Chapman left Saturday for New York to complete a course in domestic science at one of the greatest schools in the country.

Read Courier ads.

FARMER IN TOILS

Charged With Violation Espionage Act. Joe Whiting Vociferated Taken to Macon

Joe H. Whiting, a farmer who lives when at home near Pollard school house, was arrested Thursday of last week on a charge of violating the espionage act and was taken by Deputy Marshal Fay to Macon for a hearing before a United States Commissioner or some officer having jurisdiction.

Among other things it is charged that Whiting said that president Wilson ought to be shot, and the several opinions concerning our entry into war and the way things were going generally in that connection, was communicated or spread until it reached the authorities and Joe's arrest was inevitable.

Some party of Marceline took marshal Fay to the Whiting home and they found Joe in a field some distance from the house and the road and where straw was being baled. The marshal told Joe his business and Joe discussed it for a time and was inclined to be rebellious, but asked to go to the house before being taken away. The officer told him he could do so upon his promise that he would not undertake to make trouble, to which Joe agreed, but suggested that he did not know how his wife might view the case. Joe said there was no gun at the house, but that if he chose, he could make trouble, whereupon the marshal made him get in the car and as soon as in, handcuffs were put on him and he was hustled away. It is the opinion of some that had Joe talked right, he would have been allowed to go home and get some different clothing, but his manner and language persuaded the officer that the safety first plan was of more importance than his prisoners appearance and he took no chances with a six foot two prisoner whose action and language were suggestive.

For sometime it has been rumored that Joe has shot off his views unrestrainedly but he is given to such undiplomatic conduct on nearly all occasions and concerning all questions about which he concerns himself. He is and always has been a disagreeable arguer and has been avoided when possible by any after the first discussion. While what he says amounts to nothing so far as influencing others yet it is such as he who become a component part of delinquent mobs and there is but one course to take with them and that before their numbers increase under the leadership of those who have the knack of leading.

The manager of the broom factory received his first jar Sunday when the St. Louis expert was discovered decamping without notice except to his landlord. His name was R. Newcomb and he was some broom maker but it was too quiet for Romeo here after hours and Sundays and he struck for the bright lights and froth and exhilaration of the city. Manager Geo. Carlstead took the same train east and at Centralia found just as good a broom maker and a better man for handling the force than he lost and his smile (Carlstead) is normal. Mr. Atkinson is a broom maker all around and will locate here, another thing in his and the city's favor as will the owner of the plant.

Miss Nettie Wilhoit of The Bar has enrolled in the Chillicothe Business College in the stenographic department. Her father, H. S. Wilhoit accompanied her.

NOTICE THE LABELS

We are gratified by the returns from subscribers who have noticed that their time has or was about to expire and remitted but there are numbers who have so far disregarded our warning that their names will have to be stricken from our list unless they pay ahead for the paper. We cannot do otherwise than get the subscription ahead or cancel it and again ask all who see that they are behind, to send in the cash at once.

We have marked off the list a large number this week and will call on them for what they owe, and each week until Oct. 1 we will do the same until we are in shape to pass muster at the post office which means that we have no subscriber who is behind with the subscription price.

A Call to The Red Cross

A hurry call for Belgium from the War Relief Commission. Here is a chance for the Southwestern Division Chapters to demonstrate their usefulness and efficiency in prompt and hearty response.

Back of the German wall that has hemmed in Belgium and a part of northern France, ten million human beings look to us for clothing as well as food. We, who are well clothed can hardly appreciate in what great need these people are for lack of necessities. Stocks of clothing and raw material are long since exhausted. There are no imports other than those the commission for Relief in Belgium has been permitted to make, and those never have been sufficient.

The world is now short of both clothing and raw material so the commission can no longer purchase what is needed, but you can give it. Every household in the land has some spare clothing worn or outgrown of little use here, but desperately needed by the destitute there. They must be helped. It can only come from America.

The first Red Cross campaign in war yielded magnificent results, bringing in fully 5000 tons of clothing in good condition. But much more is needed if these poor people are to get thro the winter in decency and safety.

Every kind of garment for all ages and both sexes are needed. In addition piece goods from which can be made clothing for new born babies, ticking, sheeting and blankets. Shoes of every size are asked for. Garments of good material which are worn, but from which smaller garments can be made. Stations for the reception of these goods will be found at the headquarters of every branch Red Cross Chapter in the county. Don't disappoint the Red Cross.

Mrs. W. E. Williams.

Mrs. Elsie Horton Lane of Hamden was here in her car the latter part of last week her mother and others with her. On return to her mother's home the car became unmanageable and tried to climb a five foot bank with a fence at the top. Bailed by a strong arm at the wheel from jumping the fence and tramping the corn, the cantankerous machine turned turtle and rolled over the occupants. No one was badly injured tho a narrow escape and Mrs. Lane made the damaged car carry her home.

Mrs. John Lunceford north of town has or is threatened with the typhoid fever.